

**Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 51870**  
**SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY**  
**RN100542745**  
**Docket No. 2016-0211-WQ-E**

**Order Type:**

Findings Agreed Order

**Findings Order Justification:**

People or environmental receptors have been exposed to pollutants which exceed levels that are protective.

**Media:**

WQ

**Small Business:**

No

**Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:**

Southern Methodist University, 5230 East Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Dallas County

**Type of Operation:**

University

**Other Significant Matters:**

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

**Texas Register Publication Date:** May 13, 2016

**Comments Received:** No

***Penalty Information***

**Total Penalty Assessed:** \$5,625

**Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement:** \$0

**Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay:** \$0

**Total Paid to General Revenue:** \$0

**Total Due to General Revenue:** \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

**Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP") Conditional Offset:** \$5,625

Name of SEP: Galveston Bay Foundation, Inc. (Third-Party Pre-Approved)

**Compliance History Classifications:**

Person/CN - Satisfactory

Site/RN - Unclassified

**Major Source:** No

**Statutory Limit Adjustment:** N/A

**Applicable Penalty Policy:** April 2014

***Investigation Information***

**Complaint Date(s):** N/A

**Complaint Information:** N/A

**Date(s) of Investigation:** November 10, 2015

**Date(s) of NOE(s):** February 5, 2016

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***Violation Information***

Failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of chlorinated potable water into or adjacent to any water in the state [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(2)].

***Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements***

**Corrective Action(s) Completed:**

The Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures:

- a. On November 10, 2015, shut off and repaired the broken water main and placed blocks and bracing to stabilize the water main;
- b. On December 15, 2015, trained employees on the deployment and use of dechlorination kits; and
- c. On January 14, 2016, conducted field training for potable water discharge events.

**Technical Requirements:**

The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a SEP (see SEP Attachment A).

***Litigation Information***

**Date Petition(s) Filed:** N/A

**Date Answer(s) Filed:** N/A

**SOAH Referral Date:** N/A

**Hearing Date(s):** N/A

**Settlement Date:** N/A

***Contact Information***

**TCEQ Attorney:** N/A

**TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator:** Sandra Douglas, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 3, MC 169, (512) 239-2549; Melissa Cordell, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-2483

**TCEQ SEP Coordinator:** Stuart Beckley, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-3565

**Respondent:** Christine Regis, Vice President of Business and Finance, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, P.O. Box 750505, Dallas, Texas 75275-0100

**Respondent's Attorney:** N/A

**Attachment A**  
**Docket Number: 2016-0211-WQ-E**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT**

<b>Respondent:</b>	<b>SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY</b>
<b>Penalty Amount:</b>	<b>Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,625)</b>
<b>SEP Offset Amount:</b>	<b>Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,625)</b>
<b>Type of SEP:</b>	<b>Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP</b>
<b>Third-Party Administrator:</b>	<b>Galveston Bay Foundation, Inc.</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b><i>Galveston Bay “Marsh Mania” Restoration Program</i></b>
<b>Location of SEP:</b>	<b>Harris, Galveston, Chambers, and Brazoria Counties</b>

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

**1. Project Description**

**a. Project**

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Galveston Bay Foundation, Inc.** for the *Galveston Bay “Marsh Mania” Restoration Program*. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the “Project”). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to re-establish marsh habitat to Galveston Bay by restoring marsh elevations to those that will support marsh vegetation and protect marsh habitats from the threat of erosion. The Third-Party Administrator shall also plant salinity-appropriate marsh grasses to reestablish the habitat. The SEP Offset Amount will be used for on-the-ground site preparation and construction of marsh restoration sites, including supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual labor costs, excluding compensation of Galveston Bay Foundation personnel or volunteers.

Restoration work will take place in and around Galveston Bay, its sub-bays, and its tributaries throughout Harris, Galveston, Chambers, and Brazoria Counties. The specific locations will be determined based on local prioritization and needs. The Third-Party Administrator, at its own expense, shall work with local steering

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committees comprised of leaders from government agencies and local organizations to identify and prioritize sites. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

Due to the loss of wetlands in the Galveston Bay system, the Galveston Bay National Estuary Program identified wetland restoration, creation, and protection as the number one priority in the *Galveston Bay Plan*. Marshes along coastal Texas, including Galveston Bay, serve as nursery grounds for over 95% of the recreational and commercial fish species found in the Gulf of Mexico as well as many varieties of shrimps and crabs. These habitats also provide breeding, nesting, and feeding grounds for more than one-third of all threatened and endangered animal species, support many endangered plant species, and provide permanent and seasonal habitat for a great variety of wildlife, including finfish and shellfish and 75% of North America's bird species. Marshes also result in the reduction of pollution by filtering particulates and excess nutrients from runoff and serve to protect shorelines from erosion and help reduce the effects of flooding and storm surges on more upland areas.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

**2. Performance Schedule**

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Galveston Bay Foundation SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

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Robert Stokes, President  
Galveston Bay Foundation, Inc.  
17330 Highway 3  
Webster, Texas 77598-4133

**3. Records and Reporting**

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Enforcement Division  
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

**4. Failure to Fully Perform**

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality"; and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Litigation Division  
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

**5. Publicity**

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the Project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

**6. Recognition**

The Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

**7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies**

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.



# Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 4 (April 2014)

PCW Revision March 26, 2014

**TCEQ**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Assigned</b>	8-Feb-2016	<b>Screening</b>	9-Feb-2016	<b>EPA Due</b>	
	<b>PCW</b>	9-Feb-2016				

## RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

<b>Respondent</b>	SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY		
<b>Reg. Ent. Ref. No.</b>	RN100542745		
<b>Facility/Site Region</b>	4-Dallas/Fort Worth	<b>Major/Minor Source</b>	Minor

## CASE INFORMATION

<b>Enf./Case ID No.</b>	51870	<b>No. of Violations</b>	1
<b>Docket No.</b>	2016-0211-WQ-E	<b>Order Type</b>	Findings
<b>Media Program(s)</b>	Water Quality	<b>Government/Non-Profit</b>	Yes
<b>Multi-Media</b>		<b>Enf. Coordinator</b>	Sandra Douglas
		<b>EC's Team</b>	Enforcement Team 3
<b>Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum</b>	\$0	<b>Maximum</b>	\$25,000

## Penalty Calculation Section

<b>TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)</b>	<b>Subtotal 1</b>	\$7,500
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## ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

<b>Compliance History</b>	0.0%	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7</b>	\$0
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Notes: No adjustment for compliance history.

<b>Culpability</b>	No	0.0%	<b>Enhancement</b>	<b>Subtotal 4</b>	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

<b>Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments</b>	<b>Subtotal 5</b>	-\$1,875
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<b>Economic Benefit</b>	0.0%	<b>Enhancement*</b>	<b>Subtotal 6</b>	\$0
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Total EB Amounts: \$254  
Estimated Cost of Compliance: \$6,672  
\*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

<b>SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7</b>	<b>Final Subtotal</b>	\$5,625
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<b>OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE</b>	0.0%	<b>Adjustment</b>	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

<b>Final Penalty Amount</b>	\$5,625
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<b>STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>Final Assessed Penalty</b>	\$5,625
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<b>DEFERRAL</b>	0.0%	<b>Reduction</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes:

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

<b>PAYABLE PENALTY</b>	\$5,625
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PCW

Respondent SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

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PCW Revision March 26, 2014

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100542745

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Sandra Douglas

## Compliance History Worksheet

## &gt;&gt; Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action ( <i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability ( <i>number of orders meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of counts</i> )	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events ( <i>number of events</i> )	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i> )	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 ( <i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i> )	0	0%
Please Enter Yes or No			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 0%

## &gt;&gt; Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

## &gt;&gt; Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Satisfactory Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

## &gt;&gt; Compliance History Summary

Compliance  
History  
Notes

No adjustment for compliance history.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, &amp; 7) 0%

## &gt;&gt; Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage \*capped at 100% 0%



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PCW Revision March 26, 2014

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Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Sandra Douglas

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s)

Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(2)

Violation Description

Failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of chlorinated potable water into or adjacent to any water in the state, as documented during an investigation conducted on November 10, 2015. Specifically, a water main break occurred at the intersection of Hillcrest and Binkley Avenues, resulting in the discharge of 1,000,000 gallons of chlorinated potable water into Hackberry Creek, via a storm sewer system, killing 15 fish.

Base Penalty \$25,000

## &gt;&gt; Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

	Harm		
Release	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual	X		
Potential			

Percent 30.0%

## &gt;&gt; Programmatic Matrix

	Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment has been exposed to pollutants which exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$17,500

\$7,500

## Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

1 Number of violation days

mark only one  
with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	X
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$7,500

One monthly event is recommended, for the date the discharge occurred and ceased (November 10, 2015).

## Good Faith Efforts to Comply

25.0%

Reduction \$1,875

Before NOE/NOV NOE/NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary	
Ordinary	X
N/A	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent completed corrective actions on November 10, 2015 and returned to compliance on January 14, 2016.

Violation Subtotal \$5,625

## Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

## Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$254

Violation Final Penalty Total \$5,625

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$5,625

# Economic Benefit Worksheet

**Respondent** SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY  
**Case ID No.** 51870  
**Reg. Ent. Reference No.** RN100542745  
**Media** Water Quality  
**Violation No.** 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
No commas or \$							

## Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/Construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling	\$500	10-Nov-2015	14-Jan-2016	0.18	\$4	n/a	\$4
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$5,922	10-Nov-2015	10-Nov-2015	0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

### Notes for DELAYED costs

Actual cost to repair the broken water main and place blocks and bracing to stabilize the water main, calculated from the date of the investigation to the date the water main was repaired.

Estimated cost to train employees on the deployment and use of dechlorination kits and conduct field training for potable water discharge events, calculated from the date of the investigation to the date of training completion.

## Avoided Costs

### ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]	\$150	10-Nov-2015	10-Nov-2015	0.00	\$0	\$150	\$150
Other (as needed)	\$100	10-Nov-2015	10-Nov-2015	0.00	\$0	\$100	\$100

### Notes for AVOIDED costs

The estimated avoided cost to remove and dispose of the dead fish (\$10 x 15 fish), calculated from the date of the investigation to the date the dead fish were disposed of.

The estimated avoided cost to dechlorinate the creek (\$100 x 1 dechlorination kit), calculated from the date of the investigation to the date the water main was repaired.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$6,672

TOTAL

\$254



## TCEQ Compliance History Report

**PUBLISHED** Compliance History Report for CN600132138, RN100542745, Rating Year 2015 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2010, through August 31, 2015.

<b>Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:</b>	CN600132138, Southern Methodist University	<b>Classification:</b>	SATISFACTORY	<b>Rating:</b>	50.00
<b>Regulated Entity:</b>	RN100542745, Southern Methodist University	<b>Classification:</b>	UNCLASSIFIED	<b>Rating:</b>	-----
<b>Complexity Points:</b>	4	<b>Repeat Violator:</b>	NO		
<b>CH Group:</b>	14 - Other				
<b>Location:</b>	5230 EAST MOCKINGBIRD LANE DALLAS, DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS 75205-2917				
<b>TCEQ Region:</b>	REGION 04 - DFW METROPLEX				
<b>ID Number(s):</b>	AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS ACCOUNT NUMBER DB0596G AIR NEW SOURCE PERMITS AFS NUM 4811300812 STORMWATER PERMIT TXR15RB80 AIR EMISSIONS INVENTORY ACCOUNT NUMBER DB0596G LEAKING PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS REMEDIATION ID NUMBER 96573				

**Compliance History Period:** September 01, 2010 to August 31, 2015    **Rating Year:** 2015    **Rating Date:** 09/01/2015

**Date Compliance History Report Prepared:** February 09, 2016

**Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History:** Enforcement

**Component Period Selected:** February 09, 2011 to February 09, 2016

**TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.**

**Name:** Sandra Douglas

**Phone:** (512) 239-2549

### Site and Owner/Operator History:

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|--|-----|
| 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period?       | YES |
| 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? | NO  |
| 3) If <b>YES</b> for #2, who is the current owner/operator?  | N/A |
| 4) If <b>YES</b> for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)?                              | N/A |
| 5) If <b>YES</b> , when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur?                              | N/A |

### Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

**A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:**

N/A

**B. Criminal convictions:**

N/A

**C. Chronic excessive emissions events:**

N/A

**D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):**

N/A

**E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):**

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

N/A

**F. Environmental audits:**

N/A

**G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):**

N/A

**H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:**

N/A

**I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:**

N/A

**J. Early compliance:**

N/A

**Sites Outside of Texas:**

N/A

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**IN THE MATTER OF AN  
ENFORCEMENT ACTION  
CONCERNING  
SOUTHERN METHODIST  
UNIVERSITY  
RN100542745**

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**BEFORE THE  
  
TEXAS COMMISSION ON  
  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

## **AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2016-0211-WQ-E**

At its \_\_\_\_\_ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY ("Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent, presented this agreement to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Agreed Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated settlement of the parties. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Agreed Order are binding upon the Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

### **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Respondent owns and operates a university at 5230 East Mockingbird Lane in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas (the "Site").

2. The Respondent has caused, suffered, allowed or permitted the discharge of any waste or the performance of any activity in violation of TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26 or any rule, permit, or order of the Commission.
3. During an investigation conducted on November 10, 2015, TCEQ staff documented that a water main break occurred at the intersection of Hillcrest and Binkley Avenues, resulting in the discharge of 1,000,000 gallons of chlorinated potable water into Hackberry Creek, via a storm sewer system, killing 15 fish.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations on February 9, 2016.
5. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent has implemented the following corrective measures at the Site:
  - a. On November 10, 2015, shut off and repaired the broken water main and placed blocks and bracing to stabilize the water main.
  - b. On December 15, 2015, trained employees on the deployment and use of dechlorination kits.
  - c. On January 14, 2016, conducted field training for potable water discharge events.

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the Commission.
2. As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 3, the Respondent failed to prevent the unauthorized discharge of chlorinated potable water into or adjacent to any water in the state, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(2).
3. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code within the Commission's jurisdiction; for violations of rules adopted under such statutes; or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,625) is justified by the facts recited in this Agreed Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053. The amount of Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,625) shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP").

### III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,625) as set forth in Section II, Paragraph 4 above, for violations of TCEQ rules and state statutes. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order completely resolve the violations set forth by this Agreed Order in this action. However, the Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations that are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, Docket No. 2016-0211-WQ-E" to:  
  
Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section  
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13088  
Austin, Texas 78711-3088
2. The Respondent shall implement and complete an SEP as set forth in Section II, Paragraph 4. The amount of Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,625) of the assessed penalty is conditionally offset based on the Respondent's completion of the SEP pursuant to the terms of the SEP Agreement. The Respondent's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the assessed penalty shall be discharged upon completion of all provisions of the SEP Agreement, as determined by the Executive Director. Penalty payments for any portion of the SEP deemed by the Executive Director as not complete shall be paid within 30 days after the date the Executive Director demands payment.
3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Site operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.

5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
6. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to the Respondent if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
7. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
8. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
9. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
10. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.



## SIGNATURE PAGE

### TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

*Naey Miller for Ramiro Garcia*  
For the Executive Director

Date

*6-16-16*

Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order in the matter of SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, and do agree to the specified terms and conditions. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I understand that by entering into this Agreed Order, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY waives certain procedural rights, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations addressed by this Agreed Order, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and the right to appeal. I agree to the terms of the Agreed Order in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. This Agreed Order constitutes full and final adjudication by the Commission of the violations set forth in this Agreed Order.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

*Chris Regis*  
Signature

*4/15/16*  
Date

Chris Regis

Vice President for Business and Finance

Name (Printed or typed)  
Authorized Representative of  
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Title

**Instructions:** Send the original, signed Agreed Order to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section III, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.



**Attachment A**  
**Docket Number: 2016-0211-WQ-E**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT**

<b>Respondent:</b>	<b>SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY</b>
<b>Penalty Amount:</b>	<b>Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,625)</b>
<b>SEP Offset Amount:</b>	<b>Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$5,625)</b>
<b>Type of SEP:</b>	<b>Contribution to a Third-Party Pre-Approved SEP</b>
<b>Third-Party Administrator:</b>	<b>Galveston Bay Foundation, Inc.</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b><i>Galveston Bay “Marsh Mania” Restoration Program</i></b>
<b>Location of SEP:</b>	<b>Harris, Galveston, Chambers, and Brazoria Counties</b>

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) agrees to offset the administrative penalty amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project (“SEP”). The offset is equal to the SEP Offset Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

**1. Project Description**

**a. Project**

The Respondent shall contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator named above. The contribution will be to the **Galveston Bay Foundation, Inc.** for the *Galveston Bay “Marsh Mania” Restoration Program*. The contribution will be used in accordance with the SEP Agreement between the Third-Party Administrator and the TCEQ (the “Project”). Specifically, the SEP Offset Amount will be used to re-establish marsh habitat to Galveston Bay by restoring marsh elevations to those that will support marsh vegetation and protect marsh habitats from the threat of erosion. The Third-Party Administrator shall also plant salinity-appropriate marsh grasses to reestablish the habitat. The SEP Offset Amount will be used for on-the-ground site preparation and construction of marsh restoration sites, including supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual labor costs, excluding compensation of Galveston Bay Foundation personnel or volunteers.

Restoration work will take place in and around Galveston Bay, its sub-bays, and its tributaries throughout Harris, Galveston, Chambers, and Brazoria Counties. The specific locations will be determined based on local prioritization and needs. The Third-Party Administrator, at its own expense, shall work with local steering

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committees comprised of leaders from government agencies and local organizations to identify and prioritize sites. The SEP will be performed in accordance with all federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of implementing the Project, including but not limited to supplies, materials, and equipment. Any portion of this contribution that is not spent on the specifically identified SEP may, at the discretion of the Executive Director ("ED"), be applied to another pre-approved SEP.

The Respondent's signature affixed to this Agreed Order certifies that it has no prior commitment to make this contribution and that it is being contributed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action. The Respondent shall not profit in any manner from this SEP.

b. Environmental Benefit

Due to the loss of wetlands in the Galveston Bay system, the Galveston Bay National Estuary Program identified wetland restoration, creation, and protection as the number one priority in the *Galveston Bay Plan*. Marshes along coastal Texas, including Galveston Bay, serve as nursery grounds for over 95% of the recreational and commercial fish species found in the Gulf of Mexico as well as many varieties of shrimps and crabs. These habitats also provide breeding, nesting, and feeding grounds for more than one-third of all threatened and endangered animal species, support many endangered plant species, and provide permanent and seasonal habitat for a great variety of wildlife, including finfish and shellfish and 75% of North America's bird species. Marshes also result in the reduction of pollution by filtering particulates and excess nutrients from runoff and serve to protect shorelines from erosion and help reduce the effects of flooding and storm surges on more upland areas.

c. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

**2. Performance Schedule**

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall make the check payable to **Galveston Bay Foundation SEP** and shall mail the contribution with a copy of the Agreed Order to:

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Robert Stokes, President  
Galveston Bay Foundation, Inc.  
17330 Highway 3  
Webster, Texas 77598-4133

**3. Records and Reporting**

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Offset Amount, the Respondent shall provide the Enforcement SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Offset Amount to the Third-Party Administrator. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Enforcement Division  
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

**4. Failure to Fully Perform**

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this Attachment A, including full expenditure of the SEP Offset Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Sections 2 and 3 above, the ED may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Offset Amount.

In the event the ED determines that the Respondent failed to fully implement and complete the Project, the Respondent shall remit payment for all or a portion of the SEP Offset Amount, as determined by the ED, and as set forth in the attached Agreed Order. After receiving notice of failure to complete the SEP, the Respondent shall include the docket number of the attached Agreed Order and a note that the enclosed payment is for the reimbursement of a SEP; shall make the check payable to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality"; and shall mail it to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Litigation Division  
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

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**5. Publicity**

Any public statements concerning this SEP and/or project, made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that **the Project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ**. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

**6. Recognition**

The Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

**7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies**

The SEP Offset Amount identified in this Attachment A and in the attached Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as a SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.